

REMARKS

Claims 19-24 are now pending, claims 23 and 24 having been added. The patentability arguments submitted in the After Final Reply dated November 22, 2004 are hereby incorporated by reference herein. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the prior art rejections in view of such arguments.

Conclusion

Should the Examiner believe that any outstanding matters need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below in order to discuss the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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